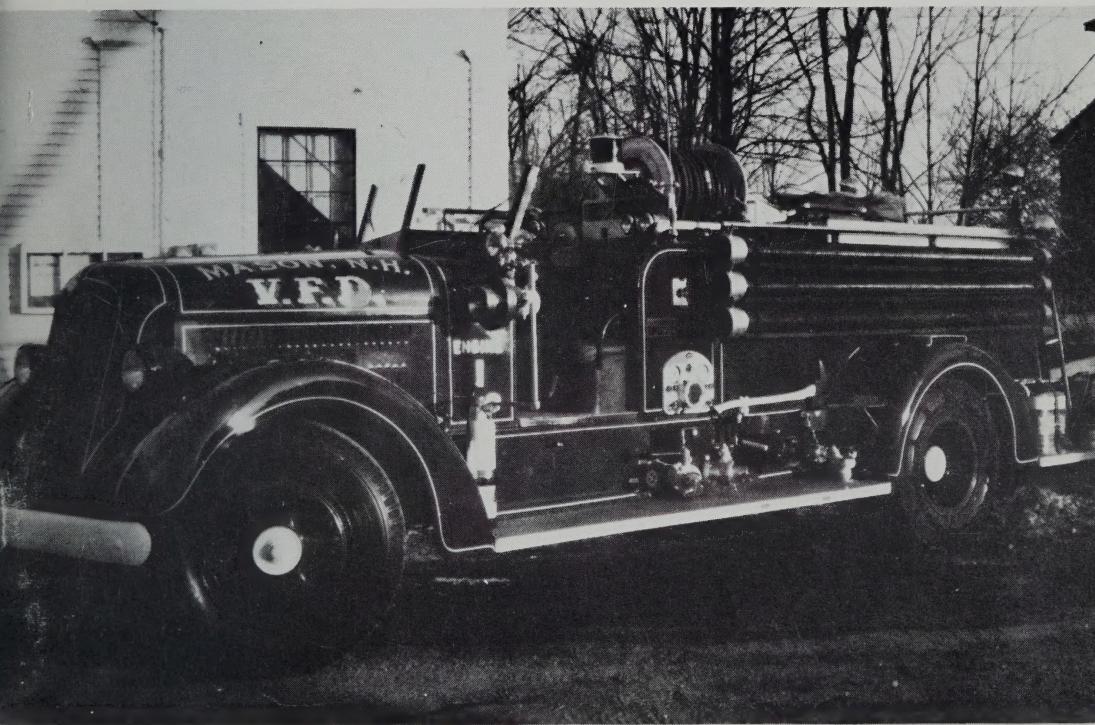


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ANNUAL REPORTS
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with the
SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT
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The cover picture of our Fire Engine shows what our Firemen have been able to do with the engine loaned to us by the State. Many thanks to the men in the Fire Department who have given many hours of hard work and money for the improvements on the engine.

TOWN OFFICES

ANNUAL REPORTS

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SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Tovio Kivimaki November 1964

Town Clerk

Charles F. H. Crathern March 1964

Town Treasurer

Charles F. H. Crathern March 1964

Selectmen

Paul G. Robbins March 1964

Tracy A. Eaton March 1965

Robert Woods March 1966

Tax Collector

Esther A. Spalding March 1964

Highway Agent

Guy Porter Washburn March 1964

Auditors

Sybil Beatham March 1964

Robert Mairo March 1964

Representative to County Convention

Tracy A. Eaton November 1964

Supervisors of Check List

Elsa Crathern November 1964

Harold C. Miller November 1964

Guy F. Washburn November 1964

Library Trustees

Elizabeth O. Jones	March 1964
Jane Woods	March 1965
Esther A. Spalding	March 1966

Trustees of Trust Fund

Conray G. Wharff	March 1964
Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1965
Tracy A. Eaton	March 1966

Trustees of Cemeteries

Lewis Jackson	March 1964
Conray G. Wharff	March 1965
Frank Newell	March 1966

Police Officers

Albert L. Dunham, Jr., Chief	Appointed
Fred Gilson	Appointed
William Morrison	Appointed
Harold Forrest	Appointed

Director Civil Defense

Charles F. H. Crathern	Appointed
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Fire Chief

Alwin E. Hodson, Jr.	Appointed
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Forest Fire Wardens

Murdock Dunn	Appointed
G. Porter Washburn	Appointed
Harold C. Miller	Appointed
Irving Spear	Appointed
William Morrison	Appointed

Health Officer

Dr. Robert Wellwood Appointed

Ballot Clerks

Addie Robbins November 1964
Helvi Murto November 1964
Sophie Rajala November 1964
Mildred Wharff November 1964

Librarian

Elsie Resor Appointed

Town Hall Janitor

Guy F. Washburn Appointed

Sexton

Frank Newell Appointed

Financial Advisory Committee

Charles W. Fifield 1964
Richard Hodges Jr. 1966
Robert Woods Ex-Officio

Planning Board

Dennis Walsh 1964
Harold C. Miller 1965
Aaron Brandt 1966

Board of Adjustment

James Rowse	1964
Charles Babb	1965
Malcolm Stanton	1966
Harold Forrest	1967

Building Inspector

Charles W. Hosmer (Resigned)

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to bring in your ballots for the following:

Article 1. Town Clerk for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; Highway Agent for one year.

Article 2. To choose a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Article 3. To vote on the question "Shall sweepstakes tickets be sold in this town."

The polls to close at 7 P. M. of the same day.

And at seven of the clock in the afternoon of the next day at the same place to act on the following subjects:

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers not chosen by the non-partisan ballot for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount on taxes paid on or before a certain date, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any real estate now owned by the town that has been acquired by tax sale, bequest or gift if they with a majority of the Financial Committee think it advisable, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made of all town records, by the Municipal Accounting Division and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will allow the Tax Collector compensation for collecting the State Head Tax and fix the amount at 8 per cent or take any action relating thereto.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and ap-

appropriate a sum of money to buy chairs for the Town Hall or take any action relating thereto.

Article 12. To see if the town will take any action regarding water holes for fire fighting and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 13. To see if the town will take any action regarding building a tool shed, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

PAUL G. ROBBINS
TRACY A. EATON

Selectmen of Mason

There may be more articles in the posted warrant.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 1963 has been one of continued progress toward a better Mason.

The project for the renovation of the Town Hall has been completed. The improved appearance of this building, both inside and out, and the installation of modern facilities has made this expenditure well worth while.

A piece of fire fighting equipment has been made available to the Volunteer Department which was organized two years ago. This Pumper has been reconditioned by the members and is ready to go. (See cover)

There has been increased activity in the Police Department, adding to the cost.

Our budget for 1964 will request increases in several items, Town Hall, Police, Fire and Winter Roads.

The Balance Sheet shows that the financial position is good with a balance of Assets over Liabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL G. ROBBINS
TRACY A. EATON
ROBERT E. WOODS

PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

As approved by the Financial Advisory Committee

Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers, Expenses	1,000.00
Election and Registration	300.00
Town Hall	950.00
Police Department	800.00
Fire Department	1,300.00
Care of Trees	100.00
Insurance	500.00
Health	25.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Town Dump	400.00
Town Road Aid	669.57
Summer Roads	6,000.00
Winter Roads	6,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00
General Expenses Highway Department	500.00
Library	500.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00
Public Relief	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Regional	101.82
Social Security	150.00
Interest	300.00
Long Term Note	1,000.00
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	\$ 23,021.39

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land and Buildings	\$844,713.00
House Trailers	9,750.00
Electric Plants	39,400.00
Stock in Trade	630.00
Boats (2)	200.00
Fowls (1600)	480.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,800.00
Portable mills	300.00
Fur-bearing Animals	30.00
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Total Valuations	\$897,303.00
Veterans Exemptions allowed (34)	38,000.00
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Net Valuation on which tax is computed	\$859,303.00
Veterans Exempt from poll tax (47)	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations

Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers, Expenses	1,000.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall	2,110.00
Social Security	150.00
Police Department	450.00
Fire Department	300.00
Care of Trees	100.00
Insurance	500.00
Civilian Defense	100.00
Health	25.00
Dump	400.00

Summer Roads	6,000.00
Winter Roads	5,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00
General Expenses Highway Department	700.00
Town Road Aid	672.90
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00
Public Relief	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Regional	92.82
New Equipment	100.00
Payment on debt	1,000.00
Interest	200.00
	\$ 21,825.72
County Tax	3,518.63
School Appropriation	44,080.19
	\$ 69,424.54

Estimated Revenue and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,763.44
Railroad Tax	50.00
Savings Bank Tax	120.37
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	2,634.74
Interest received on Taxes	100.00
Dog Licenses	175.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,700.00
Rent of Property	50.00
Poll Taxes	338.00
	\$ 8,931.55
To be deducted from Appropriations	\$ 60,492.99
Balance	517.52
Plus Overlay	
	\$ 61,010.51
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	\$ 61,010.51
\$61,010.51 divided by net valuation \$859,303.00	
equals \$71.00 per thousand tax rate.	

TOWN BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1963	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1963	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1964
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,763.44	\$ 2,780.93	\$ 2,500.00
Railroad Tax	50.00		
Savings Bank Tax	120.37	120.37	100.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands 1962-63		58.77	25.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,634.74	2,634.74	1,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		57.53	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	175.00	190.00	175.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	2,700.00	3,220.45	2,800.00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Buildings	50.00	53.00	50.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00	192.90	100.00
Sale of Town Property		1,300.00	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Town Hall Remodeling		4,000.00	
Town Road Aid		10,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	338.00	296.00	300.00
Yield Taxes		1,271.08	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			
	8,931.55	26,175.77	7,550.00
*AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES			
	<u>61,010.51</u>		
TOTAL REVENUES			
		\$ 7,550.00	

**PURPOSES OF
EXPENDITURES**

General Government:

	Appropriations Previous Year 1963	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1963	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1964
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,138.25	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00	883.50	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00	38.00	300.00
Municipal Court Expenses	2,110.00	3,384.34	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.			950.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	150.00	186.14	150.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	450.00	436.31	800.00
Fire Department	300.00	517.02	1,300.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	100.00	75.00	100.00
Insurance	500.00	490.72	500.00
Civil Defense	100.00	99.28	100.00

Health:

Health Department, Including Hospitals	25.00	25.00	25.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	400.00	400.00	400.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance—Summer Duncan	3,073.85	6,000.00	8,970.63	6,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter		5,000.00	6,755.22	6,000.00
Street Lighting		225.00	223.20	225.00
General Expenses of Highway Department		700.00	1,521.10	500.00
Town Road Aid		672.90	672.90	669.57

Libraries

500.00 500.00 500.00

Public Welfare:

Town Poor	200.00	178.25	200.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00		200.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	100.00	99.50	100.00
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Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Including Band Concerts	100.00	97.50	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	250.00	247.08	250.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	92.82	92.82	101.82
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	200.00	290.31	300.00
Highways and Bridges:			
New Equipment	100.00	100.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
County Taxes	3,518.63	3,518.63	3,600.00
School Taxes	44,080.19	45,117.03	46,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 69,424.54	\$ 77,057.73	\$ 73,621.39

*Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal year ending December 31, 1963

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Over-draft
Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,138.25	\$ 111.75	
Town Officers, Expenditures	1,000.00		1,000.00	883.50	116.50	
Election and Registration	100.00		100.00	38.00	62.00	
Town Hall	950.00		950.00	813.71	136.29	
Police Department	450.00		450.00	436.31	13.69	
Fire Department	300.00	57.53	357.53	517.02	\$ 159.49	
Care of Trees	100.00		100.00	75.00	25.00	
Insurance	500.00		500.00	490.72	9.28	
Civil Defense	100.00		100.00	99.28	.72	
Health	25.00		25.00	25.00		
Town Dump	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Town Road Aid	672.90		672.90	672.90		
Summer Roads	6,000.00	3,073.85	9,073.85	9,030.35	43.50	
Winter Roads	5,000.00		5,000.00	6,803.39		
Street Lights	225.00		225.00	223.20	1.80	
General Expenses Highway Department	700.00		700.00	1,521.10		
Library	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Old Age Assistance	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Public Welfare	200.00		200.00	178.25	21.75	
Memorial Day	100.00		100.00	99.50*	.50	
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00		100.00	97.50	2.50	
Cemeteries	250.00		250.00	249.37	.63	

Regional	92.82		92.82	
Social Security	150.00	110.18	260.18	186.14
Interest	200.00		200.00	290.31
Long Term Note	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
New Equipment	782.00		782.00	790.00
Town Hall Renovation	1,260.00	812.50	2,072.50	2,570.63
County Tax	3,518.63		3,518.63	3,518.63
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	\$ 26,126.35	\$ 4,054.06	\$ 30,180.41	\$ 32,740.88
				\$ 819.95 \$ 3,380.42

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on hand, January 1, 1964	\$ 17,898.36
Unredeemed Taxes 1961	99.58
Unredeemed Taxes 1962	210.38
Uncollected Taxes, Head	220.00
Uncollected Taxes, Poll	76.00
Uncollected Taxes, Property	9,993.28
Uncollected Taxes, Yield	11.16
Due from State:	
Bounties	9.50
Reimbursement a/c State Land	59.70
Reimbursement Forest Fire	27.79
Unspent Funds on T.R.A.	1,238.52

	\$ 29,844.27

Liabilities

Balance of School Appropriation	\$ 26,080.19
Soldiers Monument	279.69
Uncollected Head Taxes, Due State	198.00
Town Hall note	3,000.00
T.R.A. note	10,000.00

	\$ 39,557.83
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	9,713.61
Payments on Town Hall note 1964	1,000.00
Payments on Town Hall note 1965	1,000.00
Payments on Town Hall note 1966	1,000.00
Payments on T.R.A. note 1964:	
Unspent Funds on T.R.A.	\$ 1,238.52
1964 T.R.A. Funds	5,133.35
From 1965 T.R.A. Funds	3,628.13

	\$ 10,000.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	\$ 20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department	200.00
Fire Department	2,700.00
Highway Department	3,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,000.00
School, Land and Buildings	45,000.00
School Equipment	3,000.00
Town owned land:	
Obtained by Bequest	
22 A Lucy Lawrence lot	
Obtained by Gift	
1 A Veterans of Foreign Wars	
Obtained by tax sale	
20 A Robbins lot	
12 A Henry Barrett lot	
5 A Shattuck lot	
15 A Part of Farwell Farm	
51 A Craig lot	
15 A Russell lot	
30 A Perley Pierce lot	
54 A Walter Fessenden lot	
11 A Hall lot	
20 A Jeffs lot	
30 A Foster lot	
25 A Sawtelle lot	
20 A Esposito lot	
100 A Undivided 1/2 Baldwin lot	
150 A Sam Barrett lot — Sold since January 1, 1964	
#6 School House	

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Filing Fees	\$ 7.00
Auto Permits	\$ 3,220.45
Dog License	
63 Dogs	\$ 129.00
5 Kennels	60.00
Penalties	1.00

	190.00
Total Receipts	\$ 3,417.45

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy 1963

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 60,959.28
Poll Taxes	338.00
Added Yield Taxes	1,282.24
Interest Collected	8.85

	\$ 62,588.37

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Remittance to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 50,132.20
Poll Taxes	252.00
Interest Collected	8.85
Discount Allowed	595.03
Abatements (Property)	238.77

Abatements (Poll)	10.00
Yield Taxes	1,271.08

Uncollected Taxes as per
Collector's List:

Property Taxes	9,993.28
Poll Taxes	76.00
Yield Taxes	11.16

\$ 62,588.37

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1963

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$ 1,040.00
Penalties Collected	5.00

Total Debits	\$ 1,045.00
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Remittance to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$ 795.00
Penalties	5.00
Abatements	25.00

Uncollected Head Taxes as
per Collector's List

Total Credits	\$ 1,045.00
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UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

Levy of 1963

Residents

Robert K. & Isabel Anderson	\$ 120.70
Sybil M. Beatham	89.10
*Fernand & Lorraine Bergeron	396.18
Jean P. & Cecile Bergeron	383.40
George W. & Evelyn M. Cook	248.50

Edwin J. Doucette	85.20
Robert E. & Dorothy K. Farrar	181.05
*Allan & Marsha Foster	239.00
Fred S. & Mary L. Gilson	120.70
John Gilson Estate	383.40
James R. Graham	227.20
Albert & Viola Gravlin	362.10
*Lawson & Yvonne Hatfield	191.70
Eino A. Helstein	149.10
Veiko Karilampi	127.80
Armand & Genevieve Leger	170.40
Norman & Elaine Leger	340.80
*George O. Lord	191.70
John & Erdine Mathieson	426.00
Oiva W. & Helvi L. Murto	1,150.20
Clinton W. Rhodes	340.80
Wallace & Eileen Saball	127.80
Edmund N. & Evelyn D. SanSouci	426.00
Irving & Marion Spear	159.04
Irving N. Spear	191.70
*G. Porter Washburn	235.29
Total	\$ 7,064.86

*Paid since January 1st, 1964

Non-Residents

Charles L. & Florence E. Barnes	\$ 5.33
*Arthur & Alice Byers	12.78
Maurice Dickstein	3.41
Cynthia W. Garside	19.17
Marjorie Godfrey	170.40
Edna Gerry	362.10
Prescott Henriques	5.54
Robert E. Hirsch	11.50
Chester M. King	8.95
John & Michael Medwid	11.50
Benjamin Pearse	6.39
*Madeline Regan	426.00
Ferne A. Rines	106.50
Arthur J. Smith	51.12

Ernest & Lillian Smith	447.30
Oscar Somero	2.56
Catherine Stuart	106.50
Robert E. Trempe Heirs	213.00
Isadore Valenti	85.20
Arthur Williams Heirs	10.65
Rhea J. Williams	342.51
*Thurston & Marjorie Williams	310.13
Andrew Hill	28.83
John & Annie Pope	181.05
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Total	\$ 2,928.42

*Paid after January 1st, 1964

UNCOLLECTED YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1963

William R. Tapply	11.16
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REPORT OF TAX SALES REDEEMED

As of December 31, 1963

Remittance to Treasurer:

	Levy	Tax	Int.	Fee	Total
Eino Helstein	1960	119.67	19.25	.25	139.17
Wallace Saball	1961	41.00	1.78	.25	43.03

UNREDEEMED TAXES

As of December 31, 1963

	Levy	Tax	Int.	Fee	Total
Edwin Doucette	1961	73.20	2.47	3.75	79.42
Eino Helstein	1961	18.30	.61	1.25	20.16
Armand Leger	1962	68.00	4.81	3.75	76.56
Wallace Saball	1962	126.00	4.07	3.75	133.82

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER A. SPALDING

Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED HEAD & POLL TAXES

Levy of 1963

Jean P. Bergeron	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00
Cecile Bergeron	5.00	2.00
George W. Cook	5.00	
Evelyn M. Cook	5.00	2.00
Theresa S. Coyne	5.00	2.00
Edwin J. Doucette	5.00	2.00
Nellie M. Doucette	5.00	2.00
Robert E. Farrar		2.00
Dorothy K. Farrar		2.00
Irving Flagg	5.00	
Helen Flagg	5.00	2.00
*Allan L. Foster	5.00	2.00
*Marsha L. Foster	5.00	2.00
James R. Graham	5.00	
Helen E. Graham	5.00	2.00
*Ralph G. Haley	5.00	
*Elsie M. Haley	5.00	
Lawson A. Hatfield	5.00	2.00
Yvonne Hatfield	5.00	2.00
Eino A. Helstein	5.00	2.00
Irene M. Helstein	5.00	2.00
Ernest L. Hyatt	5.00	2.00
Laura G. Hyatt	5.00	2.00
Veiko Karilampi	5.00	2.00
Irga Karilampi	5.00	2.00
Armand J. Leger	5.00	2.00
Genevieve M. Leger	5.00	2.00
Norman J. Leger	5.00	2.00
Elaine Leger	5.00	2.00
Joseph Leva	5.00	
*George O. Lord	5.00	2.00
*Hazel B. Lord	5.00	2.00
Erdine Mathieson	5.00	2.00
*Kenneth Quast	5.00	2.00
*Florence E. Quast	5.00	2.00
Clinton W. Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Mary A. Rhodes	5.00	2.00

Wallace R. Saball	5.00	2.00
Eileen Y. Saball	5.00	2.00
Edmund N. SanSouci	5.00	2.00
Evelyn D. SanSouci	5.00	2.00
Elmer P. Shattuck	5.00	2.00
Cynthia Shattuck	5.00	2.00
James W. Smythe	5.00	2.00
James A. Wessells	5.00	
Eva M. Wessells	5.00	

Head Tax Total	\$220.00	
Poll Tax Total		\$76.00

*Paid since January 1st, 1964

PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

Levy of 1962

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1963

Property Taxes	\$ 8,838.02
Poll Taxes	52.00
Costs	36.65

Interest Collected during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1963	\$ 8,926.67

Total Debits	184.05

	\$ 9,110.72

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Remittance to Treasurer during Fiscal

Year ending December 31, 1963	
Property Taxes	\$ 8,838.02
Poll Taxes	46.00
Poll Tax Abatements	6.00
Costs	36.65
Interest Collected	184.05

Total Credits	\$ 9,110.72

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1962

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1963	\$ 175.00
Penalties Collected during 1963	15.00
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Total Debits	\$ 190.50
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Remittance to Treasurer during 1963	
Head Taxes	\$ 155.00
Penalties	15.50
Abatements	20.00
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Total Credits	\$ 190.50

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

On Hand January 1, 1963	\$ 15,631.94
Received from:	
Tax Collector	\$ 61,921.55
Selectmen	38,145.18
Town Clerk	3,417.45
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	103,484.18
Total Received	\$119,116.12
Selectmen's Orders Paid Out	101,217.76
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Balance 12/31/63	\$ 17,898.36
Cash on Hand 12/31/63	\$ 2.02
Wilton Bank Balance 12/31/63	17,896.34
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	\$ 17,898.36

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1963 \$ 15,631.94

From Town Clerk:

Filing Fees	\$ 7.00
Auto Permits	3,220.45
Dog Licenses	190.00
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	3,417.45

From Tax Collector:

Property Taxes 1963	\$ 50,132.20
Poll Taxes 1963	252.00
Yield Taxes 1963	1,271.08
Interest	8.85
Head Taxes 1963	795.00
Penalties	5.00
Property Taxes 1962	8,838.02
Costs	36.65
Poll Taxes	46.00
Interest	184.05
Head Taxes	155.00
Penalties	15.50
Tax Sales Redeemed	182.20

	\$ 61,921.55

From Selectmen:

License & permit fee, Firearms	\$ 2.50
George Farwell 8 a. Hall lot	1,100.00
Chester King 17 a. Coburn Lot	200.00
Rent of Hall	53.00
Wilton Lumber Co. Refund	6.40
Robert Woods, Gift	212.50
Wilton National Bank Notes	26,000.00

	\$ 27,574.40

From State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	\$	9.50
Forest Land Conservation 1962		2,385.37
Forest Land Conservation 1963		2,084.21

State owned land tax 1962	58.77
Interest and Dividends Tax	2,780.93
Class V Roads (Duncan)	3,073.85
Forest Fire Refunds	57.53
Blister Rust Refund	.25
Savings Bank Tax 1962-63	120.37

	\$ 10,570.78
Total Cash and Receipts	\$119,116.12

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,138.25
Town Officers' Expenses	883.50
Election and Registration	38.00
Fees	299.24
Town Hall	3,384.44
Police Department	436.31
Fire Department	517.02
Care of Trees	75.00
Insurance	490.72
Civil Defense	99.28
Bounties	9.50
Health	25.00
Town Dump	400.00
Town Road Aid	10,672.90
Summer Roads	8,970.63
Winter Roads	6,755.22
Street Lighting	223.20
General Expenses Highway Department	1,521.10
Library	500.00
Public Relief	178.25
Memorial Day	99.50
Parks and Playgrounds	97.50
Cemeteries	247.08
Regional	92.82
Taxes bought by Town	233.87
Social Security	186.14
Interest	290.31
New Equipment York Rake	790.00
Temporary Loans	12,000.00

Long Term Loan	1,000.00
State Head Tax	905.50
Yield Tax Debt. Retirement	20.59
State Boat Report	1.23
County Tax	3,518.63
Schools	45,117.03

\$101,217.76

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 1,250.00
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Payments:	
Charles F. H. Crathern, Town Clerk	\$ 100.00
Charles F. H. Crathern, Town Treasurer	100.00
Paul G. Robbins, Selectman	250.00
Tracy A. Eaton, Selectman	287.50
Robert Woods, Selectman	145.75
Leland A. Wildes, Selectman	50.00
Esther A. Spalding, Tax Collector	200.00
Sybil Beatham, Auditor	5.00
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	\$1,138.25
Unexpended	111.75
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	\$ 1,250.00

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
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Payments:	
Times-Free Press, Town Reports	\$ 338.40
T. A. Eaton Agency, Bonds	173.14
Charles F. H. Crathern	101.00
Leland A. Wildes	26.10
Esther A. Spalding	63.70
Tracy A. Eaton	42.43
Robert Woods	10.65
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc.	38.94
Edson C. Eastman Co.	10.63

N. H. Municipal Ass'n Dues	24.00
Ass'n N. H. Assessors Dues	3.00
Little Brown & Co.	5.00
Mason Village Savings Bank	3.30
Ida H. Rowell, Tax Collectors Ass'n	3.00
George Laughn, Town Clerks Ass'n	3.00
Donat Corriveau	4.00
Fitchburg Office Supply	.51
State of N. H. Mobile Homes & Boat Books	7.50
Sargent Bros. Tax Collectors Supplies	18.20
Branham Publishing Co. Auto Ref. Book	7.00

	\$ 883.50
Unexpended	116.50

	\$ 1,000.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Payments:	
Times-Free Press, Ballots	\$ 14.50
Guy F. Washburn	13.50
Elsa Crathern	10.00

	\$ 38.00
Unexpended	62.00

	\$ 100.00

Fees

No appropriation

Payments:

Charles F. H. Crathern	\$ 215.00
Esther A. Spalding	71.59
Donat Corriveau	12.65

	\$ 299.24

TOWN HALL

Appropriation	\$ 950.00
Payments:	
Guy F. Washburn	\$ 262.34
John Parks, Fuel	253.70
Rosario Bernier, Fuel	44.19
Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	108.14
Manchester Paper Supply Co.	13.33
Leland A. Wildes, 2 Baskets	2.38
W. E. Aubuchon & Co.	14.76
Caswell & Hawthorne	30.00
Milford Home Furnishings	3.27
A. L. Dunham Jr., Electrical Wiring	42.85
Aaron Brandt, Plastering	38.75
Unexpended	136.29
	\$ 813.71

	\$ 950.00

Outside Painting

1962 Appropriation	\$ 600.00
Paid:	
Allyn Hardy	\$ 602.00
Overdraft	2.00

	\$ 600.00

Painting Fire Escape

Appropriation	\$ 60.00
Paid:	
Boy Scouts	\$ 60.00

	\$ 60.00

Interior Painting

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Gift: Robert Woods	212.50
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	\$ 1,212.50

Payments:

Bruce Grover	\$ 1,490.00
Overdraft	277.50
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	\$ 1,212.50

Hot Water Heater

Appropriation	\$ 100.00

Payments:

Derby & Little Inc.	\$ 99.95
A. C. Atwood, Wiring	32.39
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Overdraft	\$ 132.34
	32.34
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	\$ 100.00

Side Exit Door

Appropriation	\$ 100.00

Payments:

Webber Lumber Co.	\$ 70.93
Wilton Lumber Co.	88.36
Guy F. Washburn	127.00
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Overdraft	\$ 286.29
	186.29
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	\$ 100.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 450.00

Payments:

A. L. Dunham Jr., Chief	\$ 358.90
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Robert Rousseau	29.00
Fred Gilson	22.75
William Morrison	5.00
Ed Marcou, Badges	20.66

	\$ 436.31
Unexpended	13.69

	\$ 450.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Received from State Rebate	57.53

	\$ 357.53

Payments:

Town of Townsend, Mass.	\$ 213.00
Town of Brookline, N. H.	22.90
T. A. Eaton Agency	108.23
Alwin Hodson Jr., Chief	54.48
C. M. Dunn	16.54
C. Fifield	13.35
B. Mairo	10.70
Dick Hodges	10.01
Porter Washburn	8.78
Timothy Washburn	8.13
James Washburn	6.88
Bert Jackson	5.63
Arthur Rafter	5.00
T. Kivimaki	5.00
James Bell	3.75
J. Bateman	3.75
G. Roe	3.75
J. Paron	3.13
Charles Crathern	3.13
Leland Wildes	3.13
Bob Woods	2.50
Harold Miller	2.50
Bill Morrison	1.50

Dennis Walsh		1.25
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Overdraft	\$ 517.02	
	159.49	—
		\$ 357.53

CARE OF TREES

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Payments:		
William H. Messeck, Blister Rust	\$ 75.00	
Unexpended	25.00	—
		\$ 100.00

INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Payments:		
T. A. Eaton Agency	\$ 318.69	
Tracy A. Eaton	172.03	—
		\$ 490.72
Unexpended	9.28	—
		\$ 500.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Payments:		
C. F. H. Crathern	\$ 99.28	
Unexpended	.72	—
		\$ 100.00

BOUNTIES

Due from State		\$ 9.50
Payments:		
Harry Spear	\$ 1.00	
Jonny Sarminento	3.00	
Chester Minot	.50	

James Washburn	5.00
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	\$ 9.50

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 25.00
Paid:	
Dr. Robert Wellwood	\$ 25.00
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	\$ 25.00

TOWN DUMP

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
Paid: Town of Greenville	\$ 400.00
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	\$ 400.00

TOWN ROAD AID

Appropriation	\$ 672.90
Borrowed, Wilton National Bank	10,000.00
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	\$ 10,672.90
Paid: State of N. H. Treasurer	\$ 10,672.90
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	\$ 10,672.90

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00
State Aid (Duncan)	3,073.85
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	\$ 9,073.85

Payments:

As Highway Agent report	\$ 9,030.35
Unexpended	43.50
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	\$ 9,073.85

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Payments:	
As Highway Agent report	\$ 6,803.39

Overdraft	1,803.39
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	\$ 5,000.00

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$ 225.00
Paid:	
Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	\$ 223.20
Unexpended	1.80
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	\$ 225.00

GENERAL EXPENSES HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 700.00
Payments:	
Laitala's Garage	\$ 1,339.22
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc.	109.68
Merrimack Farmers Exchange Inc.	8.70
Chappel Tractor Co.	3.85
Leo's Texaco Station	21.00
Mingolla Machinery Co.	37.60
Derby & Little Inc.	1.05
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Overdraft	\$ 1,521.10
	821.10
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	\$ 700.00

LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Paid:	
Esther A. Spalding, Treasurer	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Payments:	
Moore General Hospital	\$ 136.25
Robert A. Duval, M.D.	24.00

Nelson Ambulance		18.00

Unexpended	\$	178.25
		21.75

	\$	200.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Payments:			
Caswell Hawthorne Inc.	\$	24.50	
George Talcott		50.00	
Carl Valyou		25.00	

Unexpended	\$	99.50	
		.50	

	\$	100.00	

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Paid:			
Guy F. Washburn	\$	97.50	
Unexpended		2.50	

	\$	100.00	

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		\$	250.00
Payments:			
C. G. Wharf	\$	110.25	
Frank Newell		81.25	.50
Charles W. Bowman		13.85	.52
Robert Caron		13.25	.50
Frances Caouette		10.84	.41
William Lord		9.64	.36
Bert Jackson		8.00	

	\$	247.08	2.29

		\$2.29
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Unexpended		\$ 249.37
		.63
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REGIONAL

Appropriation		\$ 92.82
Paid: Monadnock Region Ass'n	\$	<hr/>
		\$ 92.82

Taxes bought by Town

Paid: Esther A. Spalding, Tax Collector	\$	\$ 233.87
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SOCIAL SECURITY

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Withheld		110.18
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		\$ 260.18

Payments:

N. H. State Treasurer	\$	185.14
N. H. Division Welfare		1.00
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Unexpended	\$	186.14
		74.04
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		\$ 260.18

INTEREST

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Paid:		
Wilton National Bank	\$	290.31
Overdraft		90.31
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		\$ 200.00

NEW EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$	782.00
Paid:		
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc.	\$	790.00
Overdraft		8.00

	\$	782.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Borrowed: Wilton National Bank	\$	12,000.00
Paid: Wilton National Bank	\$	12,000.00

	\$	12,000.00

LONG TERM LOAN

Paid: Wilton National Bank	\$	1,000.00
Borrowed: Wilton National Bank T.R.A.	\$	10,000.00

HEAD TAXES

Paid: State of New Hampshire	\$	905.50
Paid: State of New Hampshire		
Yield tax Debt retirement	\$	20.59
Boat report		1.23

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$	3,518.63
Paid: Albert W. Beaudet, Treasurer	\$	3,518.63

SCHOOLS

Balance due 1962-63 Appropriation	\$	27,117.03
Paid: Mildred H. Wharff, Treasurer	\$	27,117.03
Appropriation 1963-64		\$ 44,080.19
Paid: Mildred H. Wharff, Treasurer	\$	18,000.00
Balance due		26,080.19

	\$	44,080.19

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Guy Porter Washburn

Patching, Brushing, Oiling & Rolling Roads	\$ 2,550.87
Honing, Scraping, Raking, Widening & Cutting Brush	2,504.82
Culverts and Graveling	858.46
Total Summer Roads	\$ 5,914.15

Detail payments as follows, including Duncan Money:

SUMMER ROADS

G. Porter Washburn, Truck & Equipment	\$2,906.70
James Washburn, Labor	338.75
Maurice Hamel, Labor	649.05
Frank Newell, Labor	250.00
Frances Caouette, Labor	28.75
Donald Haley, Labor	77.50
William Lord, Labor	98.75
Robert Anderson, Labor	30.00
John Paron, Labor	22.50
William Bowman	5.00
Peter Kerttula	11.25
Oren Belletete, Backhoe	234.00
Robert Robichaud, Gravel	248.50
Walter Somero, Grader	292.50
Oscar Somero, Truck	47.70
Edward Elliot, Shovel	302.50
Clayton Brown, Truck	117.50
Ronald Vaillancourt, Truck	186.50
N. E. Asphalt	1,107.63
Asphalt & Petroleum Co.	998.56
P. J. Keating Co., Patch	250.54
Leo Ylonen, Gasoline	162.20
R. C. Hazelton Co., Culverts	175.07
Merrimack Farmers Exchange Inc.	83.16
Clyde Eaton, Truck	70.50
George Sargent, Truck	47.70

Arthur Gagnon, Truck	28.20
Earl Bullard, Truck	37.10
Ronald Harry, Gravel	87.50
McKay & Wright, Gravel	49.40
Tovio Kivimaki, Gravel	7.00
Bergeron Garage, Gas & Oil	8.54
Rosario Bernier, Backhoe	20.93
Potanipo Garage, Gasoline	7.18
Wirthmore Stores	18.49
Powell Hardware	4.95
Derby & Little Inc.	3.65
Vitamilk	14.80

	\$ 9,030.35

WINTER ROADS

G. Porter Washburn, Truck and Labor	\$2,960.95
James Washburn, Labor	421.25
Frank Newell, Labor	453.75
Maurice Hamel, Labor	295.00
Robert Carr, Labor	43.75
Dale Ward, Labor	43.75
Winston Hall, Plowing	882.00
Robert Robichaud, Sand	322.40
Guy F. Washburn, Labor	10.00
Ronald Vaillancourt, Plowing & Sanding	205.40
Aaron Brandt, Plowing	112.00
Charles Crathern, Labor	122.50
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt	424.00
Wirthmore Stores, Salt	176.16
Town of New Ipswich, Plowing & Sanding	156.50
McKay & Wright, Sand	94.64
Greenville Auto Service, Gas & Oil	12.38
Concord Woodworking Co., Snow Fence	47.84
Leo's Texaco, Gas	13.10
Laitila's Garage	6.02

	\$ 6,803.39

REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Receipts

Peterborough Savings Bank, Interest	\$ 90.00
Keene Savings Bank, Interest	164.24
Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest	198.24
	—————
	\$ 452.48
Paid: School District, Treasurer	\$ 452.48

Invested

Peterborough Savings Bank	\$ 2,000.00
Keene Savings Bank	4,106.84
Mason Village Savings Bank	4,956.23
	—————
	\$ 11,063.07

STEARNS COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST

Receipts

Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest	\$ 218.76
U. S. Bond	125.00
	—————
	\$ 343.76
Paid: School District, Treasurer	\$ 343.76

Invested

Mason Village Savings Bank	4,956.23
U. S. Bond	5,000.00
	—————
	\$ 10,469.36

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Receipts

Cemetery Trustees, Edward Bell Fund (Perpetual care lot 18)	\$ 200.00
Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest	309.11
	\$ 509.11
Paid: Cemetery Trustees	\$ 309.11

Invested

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$ 7,864.33
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REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Receipts

Ralph Tibbits, lot #119	\$ 25.00
Town Appropriation	249.37
	\$ 274.37

Payments

April 22:

Powell Hardware, 2 rakes	\$ 7.90
Derby & Little, 1 rake	2.85

April 29:

Frances Caouette	11.25
Charles Bowman	14.37
Robert Caron	13.75
William Lord	10.00
Frank Newell	13.75
Frank Newell, Trucking	6.75

June 10:

Bert Jackson	8.00
Frank Newell	19.50

October 21:		
Frank Newell		41.75
C. G. Wharff		125.50
		—————
		\$ 274.37
Perpetual Care		
January 1 Cash on hand	\$	17.23
September 16 Town Trustees		309.11
October 19 Edward P. Bell (Perpetual Care lot #18, Prospect Hill Cemetery)		200.00
		—————
		\$ 526.34
Payments		
May 6 Bovine	\$	24.50
Sept. 30 Frank Newell		20.37
Oct. 3 Turf Builder		45.00
Oct. 3 Seed		11.90
Oct. 8 R. G. Robichaud		20.00
Oct. 21 Town Trustees, Edward Bell Fund		200.00
Oct. 30 Frank Newell		6.25
Oct. 30 C. G. Wharff		150.25
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		\$ 478.27
December 31 Balance on hand		48.07
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		\$ 526.34

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts		
Cash on hand January 1963	\$	222.74
Town Appropriation		500.00
Overdue book fines		25.58
Refunds on books		13.10
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Total receipts		\$ 761.42

Expenditures

Books	\$ 144.52
Magazine subscriptions	20.67
Fuel	84.50
Supplies and equipment	40.66
Salary librarian	100.00
Dues to State	6.00
Transportation	7.50
Labor	38.28
Postage	4.35
Telephone	2.00
School graduation cards	1.00
 Total expenditures	 \$ 449.48
 Balance on hand	 \$ 311.94

Respectfully submitted,

JANE P. WOODS
ELIZABETH O. JONES
ESTHER A. SPALDING
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Adult Books Charged Out	935
Children's Books Charged Out	3,146
Magazines Charged Out	185
 Total Circulation	 4,266
Books Borrowed from the Bookmobile:	
Adult Fiction	303
Adult Non-Fiction	332
Children's Books	908
 Total	 1,543

Special request books borrowed from State Library at Concord	26
Books given to the Library	266
Books purchased	40
Total number acquired	306

To our Memorial Shelf have been added:

Collins' Bird Watcher's Guide; gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mairo in memory of Florence Belliveau

Robert Frost's Complete Poems; gift of Mrs. Malcolm Stanton in memory of Harriet Whitaker

Carl Sandburg's American Song Bag and

Elizabeth Burchenal's Collection of Folk Dances and Singing Games; gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drew in memory of Samuel Bates

Copy of the Mason Centennial; gift of Mrs. Hazel Goss Davis in memory of her grandparents

To our magazine department Miss Adshead gave a 2-year subscription to Nature and Sciene, which replaces Junior Natural History; Mrs. Gish and Mrs. Sowers gave us a complete five-year file of National Geographics to supplement our current subscription, the gift of another friend. Mr. Louis Smith of Lynn, Mass. has supplied us with copies of American Heritage.

Other donors of books, magazines or money have been: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Paula Bowman, Mrs. Elsie Boyle, Mrs. Mary Castle, Mrs. Cook, Sr., Mrs. Cross of Boxford, Mass., Robert Doucette, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Putnam King, Ray Messier, Mr. Rajala, Almus Russell, Mrs. Helen Sargent, Miss Voorhees, Mrs. George Wallace of Fitchburg, Mrs. Florence Ward af Leominster, Mrs. Robert Woods and the 4-H Boys.

With one cash gift we were able to have an adjustable frame made in which to display from time to time the different pictures from Mr. Anderson's 1963 gift portfolio.

Another generous gift was used to pay the tuition for the course in Library Usage sponsored by the Monadnock Community College. This was given on twelve consecutive Monday mornings at the Peterborough Library by Mr. Bertrand. Mrs. Mary Castle graciously assumed the responsibility of taking this course, with Mrs. Calvin Wentworth substituting when Mrs. Castle could not go. Mrs. Wentworth has also assisted Mrs. Woods in keeping the weekly evening Library session, and has accepted the chairmanship of the Friends of the Library since Mrs. Donald Witty moved to Canada.

The Mason Church granted us the privilege of using a room on the second floor of the Parish House for temporary storage of books and supplies, for which the present Library space is inadequate. One Saturday afternoon the 4-H boys, under the supervision of Mrs. Rafter, in double quick time transferred these materials to the Parish House. As the Church has also given us permission to develop a small area at the rear of the Library to accommodate reference materials, we are hoping that, with the coming of Spring, we may carry out this plan.

With green stamps contributed by several friends and transportation furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodges, we have acquired a two-drawer metal filing cabinet, and we have the promise of the Boy Scouts that a much-needed magazine rack will be forthcoming.

Despite the efforts of several friends, the Display Cabinet in front of the Library has not been made weatherproof. Thus far it has housed several attractive posters made by Mrs. Fifield, but it is not feasible to expose valuable books to the elements until the trouble can be corrected.

On May 27th Mrs. Spalding, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Woods attended the Book Banquet at Keene, N. H.

To Mrs. Boyle, who continues the many facets of her volunteer work, and to Mrs. Frost in her untiring efforts to be a good liaison officer between school and library, we give our thanks.

The Trustees join me in bespeaking for Mrs. Castle, our new Librarian, wholehearted co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE A. RESOR
Librarian

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mason Volunteer Fire Department has now completed its second year of service to the Town of Mason. The Department would like to thank all persons, both members and non-members, for a great deal of co-operation which made this a good year for the Department.

In January, 1963, we received a 750 G.P.M. pumper from the State Forestry Division. The tank has been enlarged from 210 gallons to 560 gallons and enough small hose and equipment has been purchased to handle the initial attack on fires, whether building or brush fires.

Work on the tank truck was stopped so that we could get the new engine in service and, with that done, work on the tanker is continuing.

The Fire Station on Merriam Hill Road is rented through the kindness of Ray Churchill and oil heat has been installed.

Equipment bought by the Department during 1963 is valued at \$4,025.35. This figure does not include money spent to enlarge the truck tank, new battery, paint, hardware, etc., used on the truck, nor does it include gasoline and truck maintenance. These items will run another \$475.00, making a total of \$4,500.35 spent. None of this money was furnished by the Town, the Department having raised or borrowed its own funds. A minimum of \$2,000 additional will be needed to fully equip the truck, but this will have to wait as funds are not available now.

A 60 watt two-way radio has been purchased for the truck. This radio is on the same frequency as twelve other towns in the Souhegan Valley, which gives us instant communication should help be needed.

Fire Alarm Service — The Fire Emergency number for Mason is 878-1611. This control center is in Wilton and is connected to the Greenville exchange by two direct lines and manned 24 hours a day. All fire calls except Barrett Hill Road should go to this number. Barrett Hill Road will still call Townsend on first alarm. This system will give better and faster response and will end the confusion that has existed for some time. This fire alarm service is paid for by the Department and not from Town funds.

The attendance at the Fire School at Meadowood Drill Yard in Fitzwilliam last September was excellent. This is a very worthwhile two-day course.

House fires	2
Overheated furnace	1
Burner installation permits	8
Improperly installed oil burners	4
Fire inspection of public buildings	4

Respectfully submitted,

ALWIN E. HODSON, JR.

Fire Chief

INVENTORY OF MASON VOL. FIRE DEPT.

Equipment owned by Town of Mason

1	Seagrave 1944, Triple Combination 750 gal. pumper	\$1,000.00
	(Joint ownership with State)	
1	adjustable hydrant wrench	7.00
6	5-gal. Indian pump cans	84.00
3	4½" x 10 ft. lengths hard suction	285.00
1	4½" round strainer	90.00

1	1 1/2" N.A.P. fog nozzle IPT	57.00
1	28 ft. wood extension ladder	90.00
1	14 ft. wood roof ladder	38.00
1	4 1/2" cap	18.00
6	brush fire rakes	12.00
6	brush fire brooms	12.00
6	long handle pointed shovels	12.00
4	Pulaski tools	14.00
12	forestry headlights	18.00
1	2" IPT female x 1 1/2" male adapter	11.00
1	1 1/2" IPT by 1/2" straight tip	4.00
1	Leslie air horn	170.00
1	75 GPM Pacific Marine Portable pump	250.00
1	250 GPM Barton front end pump, less primer and mountings	400.00
2	lengths 1 1/2" suction hose IPT	30.00
2	5 lb. CO ₂ Fire Extinguishers	45.00
7	sets 1 1/2" S. J. Brass couplings (used)	14.00
	Total	\$2,661.00

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

During the past year New Hampshire faced the greatest forest fire threat to its woodlands in more than sixty years. The continued drought brought home to our citizens, as never before, the potential threat of destructive fires to their beautiful and valuable forests, homes and livelihood. In true American tradition of meeting a common threat by volunteer effort, this fire danger was minimized by active prevention, patrol and a relinquishing of personal rights for the common good. It was the greatest demonstration of public cooperation ever experienced by those responsible for local and state fire control. The ready forces of volunteer fire services kept the losses low. For their effort and public response the general fire service expresses its heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Prevention, however, is not just an activity for the bad fire years. It must be practiced until it becomes a part of our public

conscience — a habit. Just plain carelessness with fire causes too many of our fires.

The following practices and suggestions will help:

1. Always have a permit for outdoor burning and burn within the terms of the permit and in a safe place. Burn late in the afternoon when the wind is down or on rainy or damp days. Check your fire and if winds develop extinguish it promptly.
2. Carry your rubbish to the public dump — it's safer. A neglected backyard incinerator causes many fires.
3. Never discard lighted cigarette or match. Make this a year round habit regardless of the safety of your surroundings.
4. Children-caused fires are now a major concern. Keep matches away from them and teach them to respect fire and not make it a subject of play.

Let's all join with "Smokey the Bear" and "Keep New Hampshire Green" and growing in 1964.

Number of fires and burned area in 1963

Fires: State 873; District 223; Town 3.

Area-Acres: State 2117; District 138-1/4; Town 3-1/2.

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD

District Chief

ALWIN HODSON
Warden

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Break and Enter	10
Mission Persons	4
Summons Served	15
Summons Issued	8
Arrests	3

Warrants Issued	9
Court Cases	6
Auto Accidents	10
Speeding Complaints	15
Malicious Damage	2
Suspicious Persons	4
Dog Bites	2
Abandoned Vehicles	4
Stolen Property	12
Missing Dogs	9
Dogs Found	6
Dogs Hit by Vehicles	3
Assistance to Other Towns	2

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT L. DUNHAM, JR.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of the trust funds and Trustees of Cemeteries and found no discrepancies in the accounts.

ROBERT L. MAIRO
Town Auditor

February 8, 1964

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Richard Hodges	March 1964
Clerk: Sybil M. Beatham	March 1964
Treasurer: Mildred Wharff	June 1964
Auditors: Robert Mairo	March 1964
Sybil M. Beatham	March 1964

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

(Mrs.) Jane Woods	1964
Arthur Rafter, Chairman	1965
Charles W. Fifield	1966

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Kenneth A. Sargent, Wilton, N. H.

TEACHING STAFF 1963-64

(Mrs.) Neta Frost, Principal	Grades 1 & 2
(Mrs.) Helen Garland	Grades 3 & 4
Mr. Robert Rogers	Grades 5 & 6
Mr. James Quinn, Jr.	Grades 7 & 8
Miss Elsie F. Wheeler	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE

(Mrs.) Laila Luhtala, R.N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Robert Wellwood, M.D.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1963-64:

School opens January 2, 1964; Closes February 21
School opens March 2; Closes April 24
School opens May 4; Closes June 19
 7 days for inclement weather

1964-65:

School opens September 9, 1964; Closes November 25th

School opens November 30th; Closes December 23rd

School opens January 4, 1965; Closes February 19th

School opens March 1st; Closes April 23rd

School opens May 3rd; Closes June 18th

Teachers' Convention October 23, 1964

Holiday: May 31st — Memorial Day

Total number of days	182
Total number of days for inclement weather	2
Total number of School Days	<hr/> 180

The State of New Hampshire

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the third day of March 1964, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote a cooperative school district planning committee and to elect the members thereof or determine that they shall be appointed by the Moderator, or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$400 to meet the expenses of the cooperative school district planning committee, including school consultant services, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$986. to cover the difference between the State Average of \$467 per pupil tuition costs presently budgeted, and the rate to be charged by North Middlesex Regional High School namely \$525., or take any action relating thereto.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Mason this 13th day of February
1964

ARTHUR J. Rafter
Jane P. Woods
Charles W. Fifield
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR J. Rafter
Jane P. Woods
Charles W. Fifield
School Board

MASON SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED BUDGET

School Board's Statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1964 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

EXPENDITURES	Expended	Budgeted	Estimated Budget 1964-65
	1962-63	1963-64	
100. ADMINISTRATION			
110.1 Salaries District			
Officers	\$ 118.75	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00
135. Contracted Services	119.00	119.00	119.00
190. Other Expenses	78.74	90.00	90.00
200. INSTRUCTION			
210. Salaries	17,850.52	19,575.00	20,545.00
215. Textbooks	136.90	200.00	300.00
220. School Library		185.00	185.00
230. Teaching Supplies	852.19	778.00	757.00
235. Contracted Services	36.50	35.00	45.00
290. Other Expenses	28.45	65.00	65.00
300. ATTENDANCE SERVICES			
300. ATTENDANCE SERVICES		30.00	30.00
400. HEALTH SERVICES			
400. HEALTH SERVICES	284.04	310.00	335.00
500. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION			
500. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	6,290.00	6,490.00	7,105.00
600. OPERATION OF PLANT			
610. Salaries	700.00	900.00	900.00
630. Supplies	325.15	243.00	266.00
640. Heat	— 600.51	700.00	650.00
645. Utilities	393.40	470.00	440.00
700. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
700. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	572.01	660.00	812.00
800. FIXED CHARGES			
850. Employee Retirement & Soc. Sec.	1,307.10	1,465.71	1,528.54

855. Insurance	233.39	477.43	482.46
900. SCHOOL LUNCH & SPECIAL MILK	330.90	300.00	300.00
1000. STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES	40.57	50.00	
1200. CAPITAL OUTLAY			
1265. Sites		500.00	500.00
1266. Buildings	40,396.71	100.00	50.00
1300. DEBT SERVICE			
1370. Principal of Debt	700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
1371. Interest on Debt	745.09	1,392.59	1,293.09
1477. OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS IN STATE			
1477.1 Tuition	5,006.02	5,870.00	3,152.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	872.55	915.76	1,073.91
1477.4 Per Capita Tax	160.00	182.00	000.00
1478. OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS OUT OF STATE			
1478.1 Tuition	5,085.00	6,287.00	8,873.00
1479. TUITION TO OTHER THAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	279.00	295.00	310.00
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET	\$ 83,645.78	\$ 51,080.49	\$ 53,052.00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1963	1,914.03		
GROSS EXPENDITURES FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$ 85,559.81		

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1964-65

	Received 1962-63	Estimate 1963-64	Estimate 1964-65
Balance on Hand			
June 30	\$ 380.57	\$ 2,039.03	
Per State Tax Commission			
#10 Series: REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			
11. Taxation & Appropriation			
11.11 Current Ap- propriation	43,117.03		
19. Other Revenue			
19.1 Trust Funds	786.24	700.00	700.00
19.9 Miscellaneous	4.00		
#30 Series: REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			
31. Foundation Aid	231.07	3,051.27	5,300.00
32. Building Aid	210.00	810.00	810.00
35. Intellectually Retarded			150.00
#40 Series: REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			
41.1 N.D.E.A. Title III		100.00	100.00
45. School Lunch & Spec. Milk	330.90	300.00	300.00
#50-79 NON REVENUE RECEIPTS (BONDS & NOTES)			
51. Principal of Bonds	40,500.00		
TOTAL INCOME OF DISTRICT	\$ 85,559.81	\$ 7,000.30	\$ 7,360.00
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		\$ 51,080.49	\$ 53,052.00
Total Estimated Income		7,000.30	7,360.00

**TOTAL ASSESSMENT
REQUIRED TO MEET
SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET** \$ 44,080.19 \$ 45,692.00

Total Amount Required to
Meet School Board's

Budget	\$ 83,645.78
Balance on Hand	1,914.03
plus account's receivable	125.00

Total Balance per State	
Tax Comm. as per	
June 30, 1963	\$ 2,039.03

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1963

EXPENDITURES

#100 Series: ADMINISTRATION

110.1 District Officers	\$ 118.75
110.3 Secretarial & Clerical	
Assistants	100.00
135. Contracted Services	19.00
190. Other Expenses	78.74

#200 Series: INSTRUCTION

210. Salaries	
210.1 Principal	100.00
210.2 Supervisors	550.00
210.3 Teachers	17,200.52
215. Textbooks	136.90
230. Teaching Supplies	852.19
235. Contracted Services	36.50
290. Other Expenses	28.45

#400 Series: HEALTH SERVICES

410. Salaries	185.00
490. Other Expenses	99.04

#500 Series: PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	
535. Contracted Services	6,290.00
#600 Series: OPERATION OF PLANT	
610. Salaries	700.00
630. Supplies, except Utilities	325.15
640. Heat for Building	600.51
645. Utilities, except Heat	393.40
#700 Series: MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	
725. Replacement of Equipment	310.61
726. Repairs to Equipment	56.97
735. Contracted Services	6.40
766. Repairs to Buildings	194.84
790. Other Expenses	3.19
#800 Series: FIXED CHARGES	
850.2 Teachers' Retirement System	907.25
850.3 Federal Insurance Contribution Act	399.85
855. Insurance	233.39
#900 SERIES: SCHOOL LUNCH AND SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	
975.1 Federal Monies	330.90
#1000 Series: STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES	
1075. Expenditures & Transfer of Monies	40.57
#1200 Series: CAPITAL OUTLAY	
1266. Buildings	40,396.71
1267. Equipment	103.29
#1300 Series: DEBT SERVICE FROM CURRENT MONIES	
1370. Principal of Debt	700.00
1371. Interest on Debt	745.09
#1400 Series: OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS	
1477.1 Tuition in the State	5,006.02
1477.3 District Share Supervisory Union Expenses	872.55
1477.4 Tax for State Wide Supervision	160.00
1478.1 Tuition out of State	5,085.00

1479.1 Tuition to Private Nonsectarian School	279.00
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$ 83,645.78
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1963	1,914.03
 Grand Total Net Expenditures	 \$ 85,559.81

RECEIPTS

#10 REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES	
11.11 Current Appropriation	\$ 43,117.03
#19 OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES	
19.1 Trust Funds	786.24
19.9 Other Revenue from Local Sources	4.00
#30 REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	
31. Foundation Aid	231.07
32. Building Aid	210.00
#40 REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES	
45. School Lunch and Special Milk	330.90
#50 BONDS & NOTES	
51. Principal of Bonds	40,500.00
 TOTAL NET RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	 \$ 85,179.24
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year 7/1/62	380.57
 GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	 \$ 85,559.81

**ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY SUMMARY
FOR MASON**

July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963

Receipts	Expenditures
Notes or Bonds \$40,500.00	General Contract \$ 38,569.00
	Site Development 1,464.54
	Other Expenditures 257.86
	Furniture & Equipment 208.60
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Total Receipts During Year \$ 40,500.00	Total Expenditures \$ 40,500.00

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1963

Assets	Liabilities
Cash on Hand Notes and Bonds \$ 40,500.00	
June 30, 1963	
General Fund \$ 1,914.03	
Accounts Due District	
from State 125.00	
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Total Assets \$ 2,039.03	Total Liabilities \$ 40,500.00
Net Debt (excess of Liabilities Over Assets) \$ 38,460.97	
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Grand Total \$ 40,500.00	Grand Total \$ 40,500.00

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

1. Name of Building or Project for which Notes or Bonds were Issued	New Addition	Total
2. Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
3. Issued During Year	40,500.00	40,500.00
4. Total	41,200.00	41,200.00
5. Payments of Principal of Debt	700.00	700.00
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6. Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1962	\$ 380.57
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$ 43,117.03
Received from State Sources	441.07
Received from Federal Sources	330.90
Received as Income from Trust Funds	786.24
Received from All Other Sources	4.00
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 \$ 44,679.24
 TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	 \$ 45,059.81
Less School Board Orders Paid	43,145.78
 Balance on Hand June 30, 1963	 \$ 1,914.03

MILDRED H. WHARFF
District Treasurer

June 30, 1963

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 and find them correct in all respects.

SYBIL M. BEATHAM
ROBERT L. MAIRO
Auditors

July 10, 1963

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963

BUILDING FUND SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1962	None
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds	\$ 40,500.00
Total Receipts	\$ 40,500.00
Less School Board Orders Paid	40,500.00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1963	None

MILDRED H. WHARFF
District Treasurer

June 30, 1963

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July 10, 1963

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY & TRAVEL 1963 - 1964

Proportionate Share paid by Districts and State:

Apportionment based upon 50% Equalized Valuation and 50% Average Daily Membership

	Salary	Travel
Union's Share	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 1,400.00
State's Share	4,250.00	
Mason paid	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,400.00
	\$ 263.15	\$ 77.56

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Original Amount \$40,500.00

Dated July 15, 1962

Serial Notes 3½%
Payable Souhegan National Bank
Milford, New Hampshire

Date Due	Principal	Interest	Balance
January 15, 1963		\$ 736.29	\$ 40,500.00
July 15, 1963	\$ 2,700.00	712.70	37,800.00
January 15, 1964		679.89	
July 15, 1964	2,700.00	665.16	35,100.00
January 15, 1965		627.93	
July 15, 1965	2,700.00	617.65	32,400.00
January 15, 1966		579.64	
July 15, 1966	2,700.00	570.13	29,700.00
January 15, 1967		531.32	
July 15, 1967	2,700.00	522.60	27,000.00
January 15, 1968		483.02	
July 15, 1968	2,700.00	477.76	24,300.00
January 15, 1969		434.73	
July 15, 1969	2,700.00	427.57	21,600.00
January 15, 1970		386.42	
July 15, 1970	2,700.00	380.06	18,900.00
January 15, 1971		338.10	
July 15, 1971	2,700.00	332.60	16,200.00
January 15, 1972		289.80	
July 15, 1972	2,700.00	286.66	13,500.00
January 15, 1973		241.49	
July 15, 1973	2,700.00	237.59	10,800.00
January 15, 1974		193.21	
July 15, 1974	2,700.00	190.08	8,100.00
January 15, 1975		144.90	
July 15, 1975	2,700.00	142.54	5,400.00
January 15, 1976		96.60	
July 15, 1976	2,700.00	95.55	2,700.00
January 15, 1977		48.30	
July 15, 1977	2,700.00	47.51	

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1962 - 1963

ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	8	14	10						32
Intermediate				8	13				21
Grammar						13	7	8	28
									—
									81

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	30.4	28.3	93.0
Intermediate	20.5	19.8	97.0
Grammar	26.1	25.1	97.0

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Appleton Academy	12
North Middlesex Regional High School	12
New Ipswich Elementary School	1
Parochial Schools Outside District	5
Private Schools Outside District	4
Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation School	1
Attending Milford High School	1

CENSUS REPORT 1963 - 64

Census: (1 day to 18 yrs. inclusive)	Boys 95; Girls 79; Total 174
Attending Schools in Mason	79
Attending Public Schools Outside District	30
Attending Private Schools Outside District	7
Attending Parochial Schools Outside District	8

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and citizens of Mason, I respectfully submit my sixth annual report as your superintendent of schools.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTION

The Mason school opened this fall with one change in staff. Mr. Robert Rogers of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire, a graduate of Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts, was hired to teach in grades five and six, replacing Mr. Peter Schimmel who left to assume the principalship of the Francestown Elementary School. The other members of the staff continued in their positions at the school, thereby helping to insure continuity and strength in the academic program.

The two areas of instruction outlined in last year's program continue to be improved upon and expanded during this present year. The Phonetic Keys to Reading approach is being used in grades one and two and the Spalding system of reading, writing and spelling is being solidly developed in the other grades. It is expected that each year marked improvement will be seen in these areas through the use of these very sound reading systems.

In the area of mathematics, the modern mathematics approach is now being taught at all grade levels, having started last year with grades one and two. It is anticipated that this type of program will definitely upgrade the quality of instruction in this area and give youngsters insights and understandings that could never have been expected of these children in the past.

Provision is being made in the 1964-65 budget for instruction of children in classes for intellectually retarded. The statutes of the state of New Hampshire allow expenditures to be made in this area and certainly this kind of education is necessary for these children.

Teachers are to be especially complimented for the efforts that they are making to provide for the individual needs of chil-

dren in the school. Within the regular school day and to a great extent after school, teachers are spending an unusual amount of time with youngsters who are experiencing any kinds of difficulty. It has not been unusual to see teachers driving children home at 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon after a special help session. Even though this means a longer school day for the individual children involved, it is felt that parents sincerely appreciate the special efforts which the teachers are making to meet the individual needs of their children.

During this present school year, Mrs. Charles Fifield has been visiting the school regularly and providing instruction in Art for all of the children in grades one through eight. This program has developed more and more enthusiasm on the part of the teachers and students alike and funds are provided in the 1964-65 budget to formally hire the services of Mrs. Fifield and thus continue this excellent offering. There are not very many schools that have available to them the services of a well qualified instructor in Art. Art provides children with another means of self expression, and it is felt that the children will be better for having had this experience.

The Board feels that more should be done in the area of physical education of our children, not only in the form of calisthenics but also in the development of other physical and co-ordination skills. The President's Council on Youth Fitness strongly recommends this. \$100 is provided in the 1964-65 budget for one of the members of the staff to devote additional time to the development of a physical education program for all children of the school.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Funds are being provided within the present budget to take care of some minor roof repairs and also to paint one of the older classrooms. \$500 has been placed in the budget to further improve the area in the rear of the school in the hopes of slowly developing this site into a satisfactory playground. The area around and to the rear of the school all is in need of improvement and will eventually be taken care of over a period of years by funds

which are provided for in the budget. It is hoped, however, that interested persons in the community will give of their time so that many of these improvements can be made with minimal costs to the town.

FUTURE NEEDS

Since early last fall discussions about improved instructional opportunity for children have taken place by board members of towns within the supervisory union. It may well be that by working closely with other communities in this area, the educational opportunities for children in Mason could be vastly improved. Everyone knows that multiple graded classrooms have their limitations. Everyone knows that instruction at the seventh and eighth grade level in the Mason school cannot compare with instruction that could be provided in a departmentalized junior high school. These limitations make it necessary to constantly seek ways of better preparing children of the community to meet the future. The needs for the future are difficult to anticipate, but should be planned for. With these thoughts in mind, an article has been provided within the warrant to provide for the initiation of a co-operative school study committee. Formation of this committee is a necessary first step in working satisfactorily with other communities. At meetings that the School Board has participated in, consideration has been given to the hiring of a school consultant to survey the educational structure in all the interested communities and have them make recommendations as to the best type of educational plan for Mason. This plan would consider educational needs, community growth and finances. A second article is thus placed in the warrant to provide this study committee with funds that might be used to hire the services of a school consultant. These funds would not necessarily be spent, but if it seemed to be in the best interests of Mason to go along with the hiring of consultant services, then the money would be available for this purpose. It is further possible that trust funds which are available in the State of New Hampshire might help to reduce the costs of the study being made by the cooperating committee. It seems wise, however, to provide an amount of money sufficient to meet the greatest known needs and depend upon the appointed or elected committee to decide whether the funds be expended or not.

FINANCE

There are several areas of increase in the upcoming budget in comparison with the present budget that should be brought to your attention. In the area of teachers' salaries there is an increase of approximately \$1,000. \$550 of this amount is for the additional services noted under Staff and Instruction, the remainder being provided for increases in salary for our teachers. The average salary of teachers in our school is well below the State of New Hampshire average, further below the average in the southern part of New Hampshire and yet further removed from the average just across the state line in Massachusetts. This is not to say that salary is the only factor that is considered by teachers in deciding where they are going to teach, but it is certainly one factor that is well weighed by a teacher in reaching a decision as to their future. Money spent for good instruction is money that is wisely spent.

A second area of increase is in the area of Pupil Transportation where an increase of approximately \$600 is shown. Both of the bus contracts expire this year and make this increase necessary.

A third area of increase is the 700 series of the budget — Maintenance of the School Plant. An increase of about \$200 is shown here and this is made necessary by the provision of money to repair the roof and the painting of a classroom as has already been noted.

In the 1400 series, Tuitions have increased only about \$300 due to a reduction in the number of children at the high school level and not a reduction in the cost of tuition per pupil.

The above noted major increases and other increases and decreases when coupled with revenues which are expected during the coming year result in a school assessment of \$45,692.00 which is approximately \$1600 above the school assessment for the present school year.

SPECIAL ARTICLES

A special article is inserted in the school warrant to determine

what action the district wants to take regarding tuition costs of children who are attending schools where costs are above state average costs. This article was inserted in the warrant in 1961 and was indefinitely postponed. The School Board feels that in the interest of parents sending their children to such schools, this article should be again inserted to see if the district will assume the costs above the New Hampshire high school stage average.

CONCLUSION

I am pleased to report that the Mason School is enjoying another very successful academic year. Through the leadership and efforts of Mrs. Frost and hard work and cooperative effort by the teachers, a fine program is being offered and one which we have no reason to be ashamed of. Parents, as has always been the case in Mason, have been very understanding and cooperative thus encouraging teachers to work even harder on behalf of the children. Special bouquets are in order for the School Board who are constantly seeking ways to provide even better educational opportunity for children, within the physical limitations of the school. I would be remiss if I did not note here the excellent work Mr. and Mrs. Forrest have done, caring for the physical appearance and atmosphere of the school.

With such a united effort by all, it is easy to see why keeping school in Mason has been a joy this year.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH A. SARGENT

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

For Fiscal Year 1962 - 1963

Mason Public School Grades 1 through 8

Visits to School: 13

Home Visits: 2

Tests Given:

Snellen E eye tests, Grades 1, 2 and 3

Keystone Telebinocular tests, Grades 4 and 8

Maico Hearing tests, Grades 4 and 8

Parents were notified if a defect existed.

Special Activities:

1. Assisted school doctor with physicals: 72 examined

Defects found:

Excessive wax in ears	1
Enlarged tonsils	3
Decayed teeth	16
Enlarged Cervical glands	12
Heart Murmur	1
Overweight	1
Poor hygiene	2

Parents were sent notes on these conditions.

2. Sabin Oral Vaccine was made available by the State Department for all pre-school and school children

Type I given on 2/6/63

Type II given on 3/20/63

Type III given on 5/1/63

School children that completed the series: 59

3. Nurse's work included:

Heights and weights on all children
Routine inspections every month
First aid for cuts, bruises, scratches, and toothaches

4. Pre-School Registration May 21, 1963 8 registered

Heights and weights taken
Snellen E eye tests given

5. Dental Clinic, Dr. Roy's office in Greenville, N. H.,
March 1963

Respectfully submitted,

LAILA E. LUHTALA, R.N.
School Nurse

ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 1963

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator pro-tem Leland Wildes at 1:00 P. M. Warrant read and polls declared open. Voting followed until 7:00 P. M. Moderator pro-tem Richard Hodges called Town Meeting to order at 8:00 P. M., read the Warrant and announced results of balloting:

Selectman—3 years	Robert E. Woods
Tax Collector—1 year	Esther A. Spalding
Clerk and Treasurer—1 year	Charles F. H. Crathern
Highway Agent — 1 year	G. Porter Washburn

Article 1. Clerk was authorized to cast one vote for each of the following:

Auditors—1 year	Robert Mairo and Sybil Beatham
Library Trustee—3 years	Esther Spalding
Trustee of Trust Funds—3 years	Tracy Eaton
Trustee of Cemetery—3 years	Frank Newell

Article 2. Roads as usual were the chief topic of discussion. Mr. Eaton moved that summer roads be increased from \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 to cover cost of tar. After general discussion it was voted to increase summer roads \$2,000.00 for maintenance and up keep of black top roads. A total Town Budget of \$20,565.72 was accepted and passed.

Article 3. Town borrowing of money in anticipation of taxes passed.

Article 4. 2% ten days discount on tax bills passed.

Article 5. Sale of Town owned real estate by Selectmen authorized.

Article 6. Indefinitely postponed.

Article 7. Tax Collector granted 8% Head Tax collections.

Article 8. Appropriation of \$60.00 made for painting Town Hall Fire Escape by Boy Scouts.

Article 9. \$1,000.00 appropriated for painting interior of entire Town Hall. After coffee break Miss Elizabeth Jones was elected person responsible for planning the interior decoration of the hall. Selectman Woods donated his salary for refinishing floor of hall.

Article 10. \$100.00 appropriated for Selectmen to purchase and install new hot water heater in Town Hall kitchen.

Article 11. It was voted to install exit door and steps on south side of Town Hall — \$100.00 appropriated.

Article 12. Purchase of a York Rake was authorized — \$872.50.

Article 14. Taken under consideration before Article 13. Authorization granted for Town to borrow \$10,000.00 to complete road construction as outlined in Article 14. Anticipating 3 years of State T.R.A. money to the Town.

Article 13. Reports as printed were accepted — reading waived.

A vote of thanks was given Fruitdale Grange for the erection of new street signs.

Motion to Adjourn was carried — Time 11:00 P. M.

Town officers were sworn in by moderator following adjournment.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1963

Jan. 25	Stephen Maurice	Joseph A. Piche Pauline J. Lachapelle
Mar. 18	April Lee	Richard P. Strait Marie A. Chappell
May 19	Madeline Louise	Darrel R. Lawler Donna L. Witty
Nov. 23	Lucinda Maria	Robert Philibert Dolores D. Kannaird

DEATHS

1962

Apr. 17	Donald Marcellus Houghton	Bradenton, Fla.
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1963

Jan. 11	John E. Resor	Indianapolis, Ind.
Feb. 22	James M. Walsh	Mason, N. H.
Mar. 7	Susan E. Tibbetts	Gloucester, Mass.
July 27	Grace O. Bell	Stoughton, Mass.
Nov. 5	James Morgan Corbett	Mason, N. H.

MARRIAGES

Mar. 16	Paul Joseph Haggblad Nancy Jean Wells	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
Mar. 18	Allen Raymond French Jr. Daryl Anne Schmid	Wakefield, R. I. Wakefield, R. I.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
May 16	Thaddeus Anthony Gorak Eleanor Betty Schrader	West Brookfield, Mass. West Brookfield, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
June 15	William Gary Murto Nancy Marie Boothby	Mason, N. H. Greenville, N. H.	Rev. Harry Foot Mason, N. H.
July 5	John Leon Livingston Barbara Helen Koeppen	Greenville, N. H. Palatine, Ill.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
Aug. 9	Douglas Scott Fleming Connie Jean Crosby	Gardner, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
Sept. 20	Richard Alton Dallary Rosalie Ann Valois	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
Nov. 3	William Leroy White Patricia Ann Doucette	Dublin, N. H. Mason, N. H.	Jason Sawyer, J.P. Jaffrey, N. H.
Nov. 11	Harvey Worth Macomber Alice Deer Carr	Natick, Mass. Natick, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
Nov. 15	Raymond Arthur Rice Marion Gertrude Kelley	Salem, Mass. Mason, N. H.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.
Dec. 22	Charles Numbers Hill Barbara Searles Gervais	Washington, D. C. Washington, D. C.	C. F. H. Crathern, J.P. Mason, N. H.

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